

Interview Summary	Application No. 08/783,097	Applicant(s) Lau et al.
	Examiner Chris A. Bennett	Group Art Unit 3307

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Chris A. Bennett

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(2) John Nagy

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Date of Interview Aug 25, 1997

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 25

Identification of prior art discussed:

Tower, MacGregor, Schatz

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

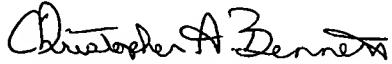
Applicants' counsel discussed the differences between the stents of Tower and MacGregor and the stent of Schatz, i.e. that the first two are made of wire, and the third is made from a solid tube. Mr. Nagy expressed his belief that there would be no motivation to combine the teachings of Tower and MacGregor with the teachings of Schatz. Mr. Nagy further submitted proposed amendments to the claims to further define the invention over the prior art, including the limitation that some of the U-shaped members project outwardly when the rings are expanded. The Examiner indicated that this limitation in combination with the other recited elements is not taught by the prior art of reference. The Examiner further indicated that he would need to conduct further search on the proposed combination of recited elements. Mr. Nagy noted that he would be submitting two prior art references which are relevant to the claimed invention.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.


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GROUP 3300

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.